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Your Reference: 09/645,594

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Re: **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

United States Patent Application No. 09/645,594

Filed: August 25, 2000

**Title: Use Of A Charged Dextran As A Mucoactive Agent And Methods
And Pharmaceutical Compositions Relating Thereto**

Inventor: Malcom King

Group Art Unit: 1619

Examiner: Laren Q. Wells

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The present letter is filed in response to the office action dated June 6, 2001. Applicants are simultaneously filing herewith a petition for a three month extension of time rendering the due date for reply December 6, 2001.

Claim Amendments

Please amend the claims as follows:

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Cancel claims 20-26

REMARKS

The Official Action dated June 6, 2001 has been carefully considered. It is believed that the following comments represent a complete response to the Examiner's rejections and place the present application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

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